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Jesus is one of the most controversial figures in history. Who is He? Some claim He is merely a good man, a prophet, or a moral teacher. Others say He is a created being. Almost every major religion acknowledges Jesus, but only one can be right about who He really is. If you are seeking the truth, the beginning point of your search should be, Who is Jesus?



The Bible teaches that Jesus is fully God and totally man at the same time and in the same person. When Jesus Christ became man through the miracle of the virgin birth, His divine nature joined together with his human nature so that He possessed two distinct natures yet He was One Person, the Only begotten Son of God! Jesus is therefore God manifest in the flesh. Romans 1:3,4 states: "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh: and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the

resurrection from the dead." Colossians 2:9 declares "for in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

Jesus was without sin and completely holy (1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5), yet He was completely a man: he was born and grew in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52). He experienced the need for food, water, and sleep (Matthew 4:2). He showed great human emotion: anger (Mark 3:5), sorrow (John 1:35), compassion (Matthew 9:36), and great anguish of soul (Luke 22:44). Finally, he died.

Although Jesus Christ is fully man, He is also God, or deity. Jesus is called God, He has the attributes of God, and He does the work that only the eternal God can do. In Hebrews 1:8, the Father calls His Son, God! "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom." John the Apostle says that Jesus is "the true God, and eternal life" (1 John 5:20, see also 1 Timothy 3:16, Titus 2:13). Jesus even claims equality with God when he said "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9) These claims of divinity are the most extreme claims anyone has ever made. Jesus also performs the work of God. He is the Eternal Creator of all things (John 1:1; Colossians 1:16). He controls nature (Matthew 8:26), raises the dead (John 11:25,26), and forgives sin (Mark 2:10), which only God can do. It is God who says, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions" (Isaiah 43:25), and Jesus assumes this divine

power. Jesus also possesses the attributes of God. He claims eternal self-existence when he said, "Before Abraham was, I Am." Jesus is immutable, or changeless, for He is "the same, yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus declares His omnipotence when He said "all power is given unto me." He asserts His omnipresence in Matthew 18:20 by saying, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Jesus received and approved of others worshipping Him on multiple occasions (Matthew 14:33, John 9:38). All these things were powers and prerogatives that belong only to God which is why Jesus could say, "I and my Father are One" (John 10:30). Finally, He prophesied that his body would be destroyed (crucified), but in three days HE WOULD RAISE HIMSELF FROM THE DEAD (John 2:18-22)! All four Gospels clearly show Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Jesus fulfilled His prophetic statement, something only God could do!

